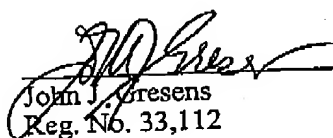


REMARKS

Following from the Notice of Appeal mailed June 4, 2004 Applicant has now canceled claims 4-9. Claims 1-3 were earlier deemed allowable the Examiner. Applicant reserves the right to re-file claims 4-9 and then appropriately later file the application. Applicant requests allowance of claims 1-3 and thanks the Examiner for the time and care taken in acting on this application.

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